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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Pace Center for Girls, Hernando Letter of Support

On behalf of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, we are honored to offer this letter of support for the Pace Center for Girls, Hernando and its \$2,500,000 Appropriation Project Request for the completion of the new Pace Hernando Building. This project represents an important investment in the future of Hernando County by expanding educational opportunities, improving access to essential support services, and strengthening the overall wellbeing of our community.

The Pace Center for Girls, Hernando provides transformative services to approximately 150 girls each year. Through individualized education, counseling, and life skills development, the Center helps at-risk young women overcome adversity, reengage with learning, and prepare for meaningful careers. The completion of the new facility will expand the Center's capacity to meet growing demand while creating a safe, accessible, and modern learning environment equipped with the technology and resources needed for academic and personal success.

Beyond its direct impact on students, this project will provide lasting benefits for Hernando County as a whole. By helping young women achieve stability, complete their education, and pursue employment, the Pace program reduces juvenile justice involvement, substance abuse, and long-term dependency on public resources. These outcomes translate into a stronger local workforce, safer neighborhoods, and a more resilient community. The program's success supports the County's ongoing commitment to prevention, opportunity, and investment in human potential.

The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners fully supports this appropriation request and respectfully urges the Florida Legislature to grant it favorable consideration. The completion of the new Pace Hernando Building is not merely a construction project; it is a forward-looking investment in education, empowerment, and community advancement. Supporting this initiative will yield measurable returns for our youth, our families, and the long-term prosperity of Hernando County and the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Chairman

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

